

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claims 1-6, 8-12, 14-28, and 31 are allowed.

Allowed claims 3, 15-17, 19-24 have been amended to depend from base claim 1 rather than intervening claim 2. Allowed claim 13 has been amended for clarity and to depend from claim 10 rather than intervening claim 11. Claims 9 and 27 have been amended to provide a proper antecedent basis for limitations no longer recited by an intervening claim.

With regard to the indefiniteness rejections applied to claims 7 and 13, the listing of claims provided herein correctly recites the equations originally recited by these claims. Because these claims were never amended to recite the incorrect equations, but instead included them by typographical error, no amendment of claims 7 and 13 is deemed necessary to include the correct equations. Therefore, allowance of claims 7 and 13 is warranted.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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